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Dear Examiner Blouin:

Attached please find Response B, regarding the above-referenced case. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: **A. DAVID  
ERPELDING**Serial No.: **09/939,074**Filed: **24 AUGUST 2001**For: **BALANCED AND DAMPED  
SUSPENSION FOR USE IN A DISK  
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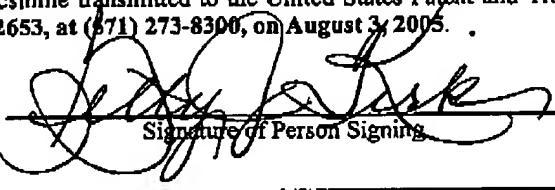
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